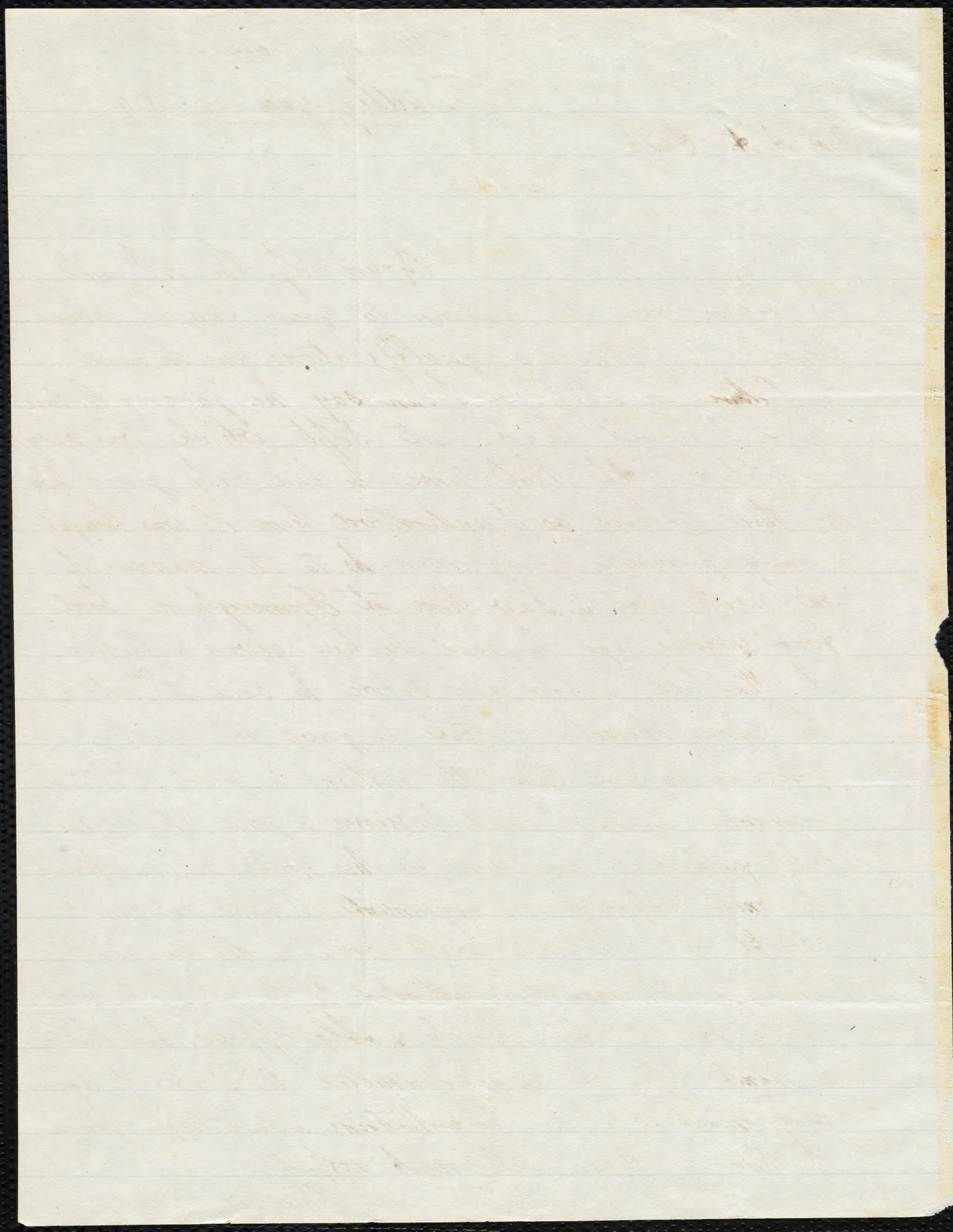




Phineas Bemis

Dudley Jan 14 1839

Rev A. A. Phelps

Dear Sir

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Yours of the 11th inst
is before me In answer to your inquiry about
Charles R. Johnson's qualifications for an agent
to lecture on abolition I can say he gave a lecture
here I should think last Sept. which was very
acceptable At that time he had only given two
or three lectures as I understood him He was thought
a very promising young man - As to the manner it
was well done I saw him at Framingham about
four weeks ago he said he had given a lecture
at Wayland a few days before he said it, ^{was} not of
the same character of that he gave at Dudley
You can inquire there He sustains a good christian
character amiable and possesses a good spirit The
only question in my mind is his youth & inexperience
to meet opponents in argument. I have not much
doubt but what he would write & deliver good
lectures He may have attended to the subject so as
to be able to meet fairly & ably opponents but that
I cannot tell I have consulted Mr Davis he agrees
very much with me he entertains a very high opinion
of him Yours with much respect

Phineas Bemis